BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF

1	RESPIRATORY CARE EXAMINERS
2	In the Matter of: CASE NO. C003856-18-000386
3	ANTHONY MANGANO, RCP
4	Holder of License No. 000386 INTERIM ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE
5	For the Practice of Respiratory Care
6	In the State of Arizona)
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8	In order to protect the public health, safety or welfare, the Arizona State Board of
9	Respiratory Care Examiners ("Board") enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of
10	Law, and Interim Order for Summary Suspension of License, setting forth the charges against
	Anthony Mangano RCP ("Respondent")

FINDINGS OF FACT

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- The Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners is the duly constituted 1. agency for licensing and regulating the practice of respiratory care in the State of Arizona and possesses jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3501, et seq.
- 2. Anthony Mangano, RCP, is the holder of License Number 000386 which enabled him to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona.
- 3. Respondent has been licensed to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona since October 23, 2002 and Respondent's license to practice respiratory care was active until April 24, 2020 prior to this Order.
- The Board received a self-report from RCP Mangano that he had been arrested on January 10, 2018 by the Lake Havasu Police Department for: Possession/Use of a Weapon in a Drug Offense (charge not filed), Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Methamphetamine).
- 5. The arrest was made pursuant to a lawful search warrant served on Respondent's home. The police found the following items in Respondent's bedroom: a Taurus PTI11G2 pistol,

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25 26 a Stevens model 62 .22 caliber long rifle, a glass water smoking pipe with burnt residue, two vials of naloxone, a plastic bag containing suspected marijuana, a wood container with suspected marijuana, a metal pipe, and indica.

- The police report states that Respondent was informed of his Miranda rights and stated he understood them. When questioned by police, Respondent stated that police would find a "meth bong" in his closet and some marijuana in his drawer. Respondent further disclosed that he has smoked methamphetamine the majority of his life, that he does not smoke methamphetamine daily but smokes it off and on, that the last time he smoked methamphetamine was earlier that day, and that he smokes marijuana on occasion. Police noted that there was no methamphetamine in Respondent's room and Respondent informed police that he had smoked the last of it that day and that he usually smokes about twenty dollars' worth as soon as he gets it.
- After the arrest, Respondent was questioned again at the police station while 7. being audio and video recorded by police. He again stated he understood his rights and reconfirmed that he had a "meth bong" in his closet and marijuana in his drawer, that he has been smoking methamphetamine and marijuana his entire life, that he uses about twenty dollars' worth of methamphetamine at a time, and does not smoke all the time.
- 8. On February 2, 2018, Respondent entered into a Stipulated Guilty Plea in which he pleaded guilty to Count 3: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Methamphetamine), a Class 1 Misdemeanor (amended) in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-3415(A), 13-604, 13-707, and 13-802.
- 9. Respondent did not report the incident to the Board within the mandatory ten (10) day reporting requirement prescribed by law.
- Respondent appeared before the Board on April 19, 2018 and denied ever having 10. used methamphetamine, claiming that his responses to police were due in part to having guns pointed at him and in part to issues with his hearing.
- The Board reviewed the preliminary investigative materials and based on the 11. findings, the Board was concerned that Respondent's continued practice as a respiratory therapist

12. The Board discussed these allegations at the Regular Board Meeting on April 19, 2018 and found that the protection of the public health, safety or welfare imperatively required emergency action due to the egregious nature of Respondent's conduct and the potential harm to the public's health, safety or welfare.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board of Respiratory Care Examiners of the State of Arizona possesses jurisdiction over this subject matter and Respondent pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3501, et seq.
- 2. The Board has the authority to issue an Interim Order of Summary Suspension of License and conduct an administrative hearing to determine whether Respondent's license to practice respiratory care should be disciplined pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3552(E), in conjunction with A.R.S. § 32-3552(A).
- The Board has the statutory authority to enter this Interim Order for Summary Suspension of License pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 41-1064(C) and 32-3553(E) and (I).
- 4. Based upon the evidence and information known to the Board regarding allegations set forth above in the paragraphs above, the Board finds that to protect the public's health, welfare or safety, it is necessary to invoke the Board's authority, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3553(E), to summarily suspend the license issued to Anthony Mangano to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona.
- 5. Respondent's conduct as alleged, if subsequently established to be true after formal hearing, constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to violations of:
 - a. A.R.S. § 32-3552(A)(3) Commits an act of unprofessional conduct.
- b. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(a) Committing a felony, whether or not involving moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
- c. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(c) Illegal use of narcotic or hypnotic drugs or substances.

- d. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(g) Immorality or misconduct that tends to discredit the respiratory therapy profession.
- e. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(i) Any conduct or practice which is contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the respiratory therapy profession or any conduct or practice which does or might constitute a danger to the health, welfare or safety of the patient or the public.
- f. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(j) Any conduct, practice or condition which does or might impair the person's ability to safely and skillfully practice respiratory therapy.
- g. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(k) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate a provision of this chapter.
- h. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(1) Failing to report to the board within ten calendar days an incident or incidents that appear to show the existence of a cause for disciplinary action or that a licensed respiratory care practitioner is or may be professionally incompetent or is or may be mentally or physically unable to engage safely in the practice of respiratory care.
- i. A.R.S. § 32-3208(A) A health professional who has been charged with a misdemeanor involving conduct that may affect patient safety or a felony after receiving or renewing a license or certificate must notify the health professional's regulatory board in writing within ten working days after the charge is filed.
- j. A.A.C. R4-45-214(6) Endangering a patient's or the public's physical or emotional health or safety or engaging in conduct or practice that may be reasonably expected to do so.
- k. A.A.C. R4-45-214(17) Misrepresenting or omitting a facts on an application for employment as a respiratory care practitioner.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, based upon the evidence and information known to the Board regarding the allegations set forth above, the Board finds that in order to protect the public health, welfare or safety, it is necessary to invoke the Board's authority, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3553 (E), to summarily suspend Respondent's license to practice respiratory care.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that License Number 000386, issued to and held by Anthony Mangano is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED from the PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE, effective immediately upon issuance of this Order.

NOTICE

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3553(E) the Respondent is entitled to a formal hearing before the Board on the charges within sixty (60) days. The Respondent shall be served with a written notice of complaint and formal hearing, setting forth the charges made against him as required by the operative statute and rule.

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE



John Confer Executive Director

DATED THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

Original Interim for Summary Suspension filed this 23rd day of April, 2018 with the:

Arizona Board of Respiratory Examiners 1740 West Adams, #3406 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Copies of the foregoing sent by certified, regular and electronic mail this 23rd day of April, 2018 to:

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4	day of April, 2018 to:
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